

THE WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST—Oklahoma: Fair and decidedly colder Thursday; Friday fair and warmer.
Tulsa, Nov. 17.—The temperature: Maximum 55, minimum 42. Southeast winds and partly cloudy.

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ANNIHILATION
OF SERBIANS IS
NOW IMMINENT

Main Army Under General
Putnik Surrounded on
Three Sides.

GREECE THREATENS
TO INTERN SERBS

British Government Issues
Order to Check All
Greek Vessels.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—(9:40 p. m.)—Both the military and diplomatic situation of the allies in the Balkans are disquieting. If not critical, a fact which doubtless led to the visit of the British prime minister, Mr. Asquith, David Lloyd George and A. J. Balfour, to Paris for a conference with the French cabinet and General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief.

The main Serbian army under General Putnik, which is operating in the north, is now encamped on every side but one, and being cut off from the south by the Bulgarian advance beyond Tetovo, must depend on the rough roads through Montenegro and Albania for any supplies from the sea.

Two Lines of Retreat.
In the south the Serbian position is almost as bad. The success of the Bulgarian flanking attack on Bitum pass and their advance from Voles have prevented the proposed junction of the Serbian and French forces. This leaves the Serbs only two lines of retreat, one into Albania, where they may be harassed by unfriendly tribes, and the other across the Greek border, where they are in danger of being disarmed and interned. It is to prevent the latter eventuality that the entente allies are putting forth every effort and unquestionably this matter has been discussed in Paris by the British and French ministers.

The British government has taken further action by the issuance of an order that no Greek vessel attempt those loaded of loading may proceed to their destinations; while Donsy Cochran, member of the French cabinet, who visited an enthusiastic reception at Athens by the municipal authorities and the people, is expected to express very firmly the French view of what is considered the unsatisfactory reply to the entente allies' request for the safe conduct of both Serbian and allied forces, should they be compelled to retire into Greece.

Kitchener at Gallipoli.
Lord Kitchener, the British war secretary, who, it had been stated, was to back M. Cochran, is now reported in Gallipoli, although, according to rumor, King Constantine expressed a wish to see him.

Lake Italy and France, England now demands that Greece shall either join the allies or translate her benevolent neutrality towards the entente into a clear declaration that she will attempt to disarm neither the Serbs nor the allies, should they be forced back over her frontier, and that she will afford further facilities for the landing and transport of allied troops.

There are no changes on the French, Italian or Russian fronts, but the presence of Russian warships on the coast of Constantinople, where they have been hovering, the German positions suggests that General Kokoy has not concluded the offensive which he undertook west of Riga.

The loss of the British hospital ship Anglia in the English channel and another steamer which went to return to their boat and running between the two vessels, informed the Germans that every means would be employed to prevent the Thelma from being taken.

NARROWLY ESCAPED DESTROYER
Intervention of Swedish Torpedo Boat
Saves Battleship.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Nov. 17 (5:09 p. m.)—The British steamer Thelma's departure from Trilburg, Sweden, where she had been lying since the beginning of the war, was marked by an exciting naval adventure in which the vessel escaped capture by a German destroyer through assistance rendered by the Swedish torpedo boat Polux.

On Tuesday night south of Landakron, 15 miles northeast of Copenhagen, the Thelma was pursued by the German destroyer W-122 into Swedish territorial waters. While the Germans were in the act of boarding the steamer, the Polux, which went to return to their boat and running between the two vessels, informed the Germans that every means would be employed to prevent the Thelma from being taken.

After an interval of silence in which both warships cleared for action the German destroyer steamed away.

Million Dollars for Yale.
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 17.—Approximately a million dollars is to go to Yale under the will of J. S. Hotchkiss of this city, filed for probate today. The estate is appraised at \$2,000,000.

Mother Fights Desperately to Regain the
Possession of Infant Heir to Ri

Legal Battle Over Custody
of Ben Vance, Jr., to Be
Decided in District Court
This Forenoon.

Whether or not Benjamin Vance Jr., the "millionaire baby," will be given back into the custody of his mother or allowed to remain with the parents of his dead father, probably will be decided by Judge Conn Linn in district court soon after the tribunal convenes this morning.

Although it was expected the evidence would be in by the close of court yesterday, so much time was utilized by the attorneys in their arguments that it was impossible to finish, and Judge Linn adjourned court at 5:30 o'clock, after Attorney Phil Moss had finished his eloquent plea for Mrs. Vance.

It was expected that the plaintiff would demand to the evidence produced by the Vance estate, but when both sides rested their cases at 3 o'clock the attorneys for Mrs. Vance met the same squarely and arguments pro and con were under way immediately. Attorney H. E. Ahy argued first for the defense, the burden of proof being shifted to the state.

He was followed by Martin for Mrs. Vance. Attorney J. P. O'Meara, representing the infant heir, asked the court in his plea that the child be given into his mother's custody. His argument was short but none the less effective and his description of motherhood was a veritable word picture.

Will Close Today.
Attorney Moss, eloquent and forceful, was the last to speak before adjournment. When court convenes this morning but one more argument will be heard. Attorney Tucker, who conducted the investigation of witnesses throughout the habeas corpus proceedings for the defendant, will be the last to plead for the infant to remain in the hands of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Vance.

At witness after witness was called yesterday there appeared to be no end of defamation to which Mrs. Vance was placed by the opposing lawyers in their endeavor to prove her unworthy and incompetent to rear her child.

Her character was attacked and her morals were assailed. She was painted by Ahy as a mother who had abandoned her child and herself buffeted from pillar to post.

A sharp clash ensued between two attorneys when Mrs. J. A. Walter, a relative of Mrs. Vance's stepmother, took the stand late in the afternoon.

Objections Sustained.
"I will ask you, Mrs. Walter, if it is not true that Gladys Vance has not committed forgeries?" was the opening shot of Attorney Tucker.

"Of course," replied H. B. Martin for Mrs. Vance.

"Objection sustained," decreed Judge Linn.

"Mrs. Walter," queried Tucker, "isn't it true that Mrs. Vance recently forged a check, using your husband's name, and that he threatened to prosecute her?"

Judge Linn sustained another objection by the plaintiff.

Tucker was insistent and despite the fact that Martin accused him of impertinence, he continued the same attack.

"Isn't it true that Mrs. Vance had to pawn her jewels in order to make good the amount of the forgery?" he then asked.

Once again the objection was forthcoming from counsel for the mother, and once again was it sustained by Judge Linn. It was clearly a victory for Mrs. Vance. She knew it and acknowledged it by smiling at Martin.

Mrs. Walter was dismissed and Attorney Martin asked Mrs. Vance to take the stand.

The end came sooner than was expected.

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SIMPLICITY MARKS
WASHINGTON BURIAL

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Nov. 17.—Simplicity marked the funeral of Booker T. Washington, noted negro educator, race leader and author, here today at the institution which he made famous and which has played such an important part in the elevation of the negro race. More than five thousand persons came to Tuskegee to pay a last tribute to Dr. Washington.

The simple Episcopal burial service was read and many old plantation songs which the dead educator loved so well, were sung. Prominent men in all walks of life attended the exercises.

A certified copy of a marriage license showing that Merrill had remarried within three days after obtaining the decree here in violation of the six months clause, was the basis for the judge's action. Merrill is now in Kansas City.



Ben Vance, Jr., handsome child whose father was killed in an auto accident here last summer, and who is the center of legal battle in the local courts over estate valued at \$1,000,000. Mrs. Ben Vance, the 13-year-old widow, is now contending for the custody of the child before District Judge Conn Linn, and a decision is expected today. The fight over the estate Mrs. Vance arrived against all of the dead man's relatives who contend that she is not a fit person to have the custody of the child in to administer the estate. A divorce decree granted to the husband shortly before his death is one of the features of the litigation. Mrs. Vance alleges that the divorce was procured unlawfully and without her knowledge. A prolonged court battle is expected.

SHOT MAISH; WILL
SURRENDER TODAY

Bob Mann Is Charged With
Felony Assault With
Intent to Kill.

After hunting all day for Bob Mann, charged by information filed yesterday in the court of Lee Daniel with felonious assault with intent to kill Earl Maish, Sheriff James Woolley received a telephone call last night from Mann saying he would give himself up this morning at 8 o'clock.

It is claimed Mann shot Maish at a dance given at Bill Hildebrand's place at Turkey early Wednesday morning after a spirited battle of words. It is said Mann fired several shots, some lodging in the back of the head, one striking Maish in the abdomen and lodged in the hip.

Doctors probed for the bullet and removed it yesterday afternoon. Maish was brought to the Physicians' and Surgeons' hospital immediately after being shot. His condition was said to be improved last night and it is thought his recovery is certain.

Maish has been in trouble before. A year ago this summer he shot and killed Steve Lee at Second and Main in front of the First National bank. At his trial he was acquitted when it was proved Lee had been intimate with his wife and that he shot the man in defense of his home. Maish fired five shots at Lee, all of them taking effect.

AGAINST POST SEASON GAME.
Kansas Centers Vote Against Contests
Outside of Schedule.

LAWRENCE, Nov. 17.—That Kansas will not give its consent to post season football games by members of the Missouri valley conference was the substance of an answer sent today by Chancellor Frank Strong of the University of Kansas to the athletic authorities of the University of Nebraska, who had asked the consent of the different schools of the conference for a game between the University of Nebraska and the University of Washington at Pasadena, Cal., on New Year's day.

MAY PROSECUTE ROBERT FAY

Criminal Section of Sherman Anti-Trust Act May Form Basis.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—An effort may be made in the near future by the department of justice to secure indictments against Robert Fay, and others connected with the alleged plot in New York to blow up munition ships, under the criminal section of the Sherman anti-trust act. It is understood that information now is being gathered to aid the department in determining whether there has been a conspiracy in restraint of foreign commerce such as to justify prosecution to a federal grand jury.

POSTOFFICE CLERKS ON STRIKE

Assistants to Handle Work Obtained From Neighboring Town.

FAIRMOUNT, W. Va., Nov. 17.—Clerks from neighboring towns were rushed here late today to take the places of the 25 clerks and carriers in the local postoffice who struck. It is said, as a protest against the discharge of W. H. Brand, assistant postmaster, and three other employees. Postmaster Charles Manley said tonight that the work of relieving the congestion was progressing rapidly.

Waite Heads City Managers.

DAYTON, Nov. 17.—Henry M. Waite of Dayton was elected president of the City Managers association today at the closing session of the association's convention.

"Murderer"
If He Lets
Infant Die

Many Medical Men Accuse
and Praise Chicago
Physician.

DEFECTIVE MITE
IS SLOWLY DYING

Mother in an Adjoining
Room Waits for Her
Son's Last Breath.

BULLETIN

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—The Bolinger baby, a defective mite, whose mother on professional advice decided it should not undergo an operation which probably would save its life, hovered between life and death at the German-American hospital here today. Death, it was said, was a question only of hours.

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Meanwhile the subject of the propriety of performing the unpromising operation of life in the infant that it might not grow up a burden to itself and a possible menace to society, was the subject of widespread discussion. Dr. H. J. Haiselden, on whose advice the mother acted, was called by many medical men today and telephone calls alternately accused and praised him. He remained unmoved in his conviction that death was the greatest blessing which could be hoped for the infant.

"A Hopeless Cripple."
The principal physical deformities of the baby are the closure of the nostrils of the right side of the face, the absence of the right ear, blindness of one eye, and malformation of its shoulders. Dr. Haiselden, who attended the infant, noted the absence of a neck. The brain he found to be only slightly abnormal, but the cranial nerves were absent or undeveloped.

It is as up the would be a hopeless cripple and would suffer from fits," said the doctor.

"Would his mind be clear? Would his soul be normally alive?" asked one of the visitors.

"That I do not know but the chances are against it."

The questioner cited the case of Roswell Smith, a supposedly harmless defective who, after reaching the adult stage, killed little Hazel Weinstein, for which he was hanged.

Another visitor remarked that Fyodor Dostoevsky, born a defective, who gambled and had epileptic fits, developed into a great novelist and one of the greatest psychologists in Europe.

Treated as "Unhappy."

Most of the visitors treated the baby, which lay in a little bundle in a private room, as if it died in a private room, as if it were unconscious. Dr. Haiselden, who condemned it to death, alone treated it like a human being. He looked into the little twisted face and patted its cheeks.

"He will be dead before the night is over," he said. "It would be a moral wrong," he continued, "to allow it to live. It seems to me that a city which allows a blackhand outrage a week, a thousand abortions a day and an automobile accident every round of the clock, is hardly in position to criticize a man who holds that to a defective, death is preferable to life."

The telephone rang. Doctor Haiselden answered, and for five minutes talked with a woman who pleaded with him to save the baby's life. When he returned from the telephone he smiled grimly.

Abortions Unnoticed.
"She called me names," he said. "It's strange what a fuss people are making over this case when

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WANT RED RIVER DEEPENED

Board of Engineers Hears Protests of
Shreveport Citizens.

SHREVEPORT, La., Nov. 17.—The board of engineers of the United States army, whose duty it is to finally pass upon all river projects and to hear protests where objection is made to the reports of the division engineers, held a session in Shreveport today for the purpose of hearing the protests of Shreveport, Alexandria and representatives from what is known as the Shreveport territory against the report of the division engineer, Major Slatery, regarding Red river. Red river has not been navigated in years and Major Slatery recommended that as there is no commerce on the river its further improvement be abandoned by the government.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 17.—Segregation and sterilization of the feeble minded as a means of reducing the percentage of defectives was proposed in a paper read before the Tri-State Medical association here today by Dr. William G. Somerville of Memphis.

"Just as we prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases by segregation and sterilization—so must this question be approached," Doctor Somerville said. "The good of a race or society should ever be paramount to the individual."

New York School Lads
Implant Kiss on Lips
of a Pretty TeacherJACOB WITOWSKY (ABOVE)
RAYMOND MALONEY (BELOW)

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—"Teacher is pretty and any real fellow would want to kiss her." In these words Jacob Witowsky, 11, and Raymond Maloney, 12, defended their action in forcibly kissing pretty Mathilde Well, 25-year-old schoolteacher in public school No. 26.

Miss Well resented the caresses and as the three struggled a side door in the schoolroom was shattered. Miss Well called a policeman and the boys are now picked up in the room of the children's society pending further action.

ROCK ISLAND LOSES
\$734,676 LAST YEAR

However, Annual Report
Shows Decrease of Mil-
lion and Half.

BIG FREIGHT TRADE

Heavy Wheat Movement
Increases Business; High
Salaries Are Lowered.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—While the thirty-ninth annual report of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company and proprietary lines made public here today shows a deficit of \$734,676, the annual report also shows that operating revenues were reduced \$1,261,588 on the books by increasing depreciation charges, formerly one quarter of one per cent to a minimum of two and one-half per cent.

Additional note is made of the "unprecedented" rains of May, June and July, 1915, which caused damage of \$1,000,000.

The report covers the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915.

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WILL NOT LET THEM LEAVE

Britishers Will Have to Obtain Special
Permit to Leave.

LONDON, Nov. 17 (4:16 p. m.)—An order in council will shortly be issued declaring that during the continuance of the war all Britishers of military age desiring to leave the United Kingdom, even on a trip, must obtain special permission. This permission will not be given without good cause.

STEAMER SINKS
WITH HUNDRED
WAR CRIPPLES

The Hospital Ship Anglia
Strikes Floating Mine
in Mid-Channel.

RESCUE SHIP ALSO
SENT TO BOTTOM

100 Men on Cots, Helpless,
Went to Death With-
out a Struggle.

DOVER, Nov. 17.—(11:15 p. m.)—The hospital ship Anglia, with about three hundred wounded men aboard, in addition to the crew, nurses and attendants, bound from France to Dover, struck a mine in mid-channel today and sank in a very short time. Nearly a hundred men, most of them seriously wounded and therefore incapacitated, lost their lives.

The sister Lusitania, which was nearly at the time of the accident, immediately went to the assistance of the Anglia and her boats had just been lowered when she struck a mine also and foundered. All her crew were saved.

Official Report.
LONDON, Nov. 17.—(6:26 p. m.)—The following official communication concerning the disaster was made public:

"The war office reports that the hospital ship Anglia struck a mine in the channel today and sank. The total number on board was 14 officers and 772 men of other ranks of whom about three hundred were saved by a patrol vessel.

"Another ship proceeding to the rescue was also sunk by another mine."

Another official communication says: "King George was shocked to hear that the Anglia, which so recently conveyed him across the channel, had been sunk. His majesty is grieved at the loss involved but he is glad that the survivors have not unduly suffered from their terrible exposure."

A statement issued by the official press bureau gave the news of the disaster. The Lusitania, which was a vessel of 1,852 tons, was built in 1904 and owned by J. I. Harter & Co. of London. She was in the London-Lisbon trade.

The Anglia was a merchantman taken over by the British admiralty after the war began and refitted as a hospital ship. She was commissioned in August, 1914.

There are four British steamships named Anglia. The one converted into a hospital ship probably is the former Lusitania, which was built by Harter & Co. at a cost of 1,852 tons. She is 228 feet long.

Lusitania Sunk.

LONDON, Nov. 17 (6:47 p. m.)—The steamer Lusitania of London has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

The Lusitania, which was a vessel of 1,852 tons, was built in 1904 and owned by J. I. Harter & Co. of London. She was in the London-Lisbon trade.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE CASES.
Man Who Got Whisky on Strength of
Sick Plot to Be Main Witness.

Special to The World.

APTON, Okla., Nov. 17.—At the term of the court held here this week, the scheduled Afton liquor cases were postponed until the next term of court in January. These were the cases where a representative of the Oklahoma Anti-Saloon league sent a man here in custody of Afton's local police. This man posed as a man looking for a business location and made friends with everybody he could. As soon as he had made friends with the "sack business man," nine local men were arrested here on the same charge and all gave bond. Their trials will come up in January.

APTON WANTS A FREE FAIR.

Will Send Delegates to Ottawa County
Free Fair Meeting Next Week.

Special to The World.

APTON, Okla., Nov. 17.—A mass meeting of the citizens of Afton town ship was held here last Saturday for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Ottawa County Free Fair association meeting. W. P. Smalley was selected as chairman of the meeting, here and John M. Maher of Afton and Frank O'Drain of Fairland were selected to represent Afton township at the meeting to be held in Miami next week. Ottawa county wants a free county fair and they intend to have one if they possibly can. Delegates were elected all over the county to meet at Miami.

Stop Greek Shipments.

PARTS, Nov. 17 (4:10 p. m.)—A Havas dispatch from Macedonia says the government has ordered the port authorities to accept no further shipments of merchandise destined for Greece.